

STANDING ORDER

BURNS

I. ASSESSMENT

A. Determine depth of burn and extent of body surface burned.

1st Degree - redness, mild swelling and pain

2nd Degree - erythema with blanching, blisters, swelling, surface moisture and pain

3rd Degree - white, reddened, darkened or charred skin, eschar, blisters, loss of pain sensation

II. MANAGEMENT

A. 1st Degree Burns:

1. Immerse affected area in cold water immediately for 20 minutes.
2. Give APAP 325 mg, two tablets BID PRN for pain or Ibuprofen 400 mg BID may be purchased during A.M. and P.M. medication passes.
3. Spray area with antiseptic/anesthetic burn spray or equivalent.

B. 2nd Degree Burns:

1. Rinse with cool water continuously for 20 minutes
2. Wash gently with soap and water.
3. Apply Silvadine cream (if not allergic to sulfa drugs) and cover with sterile non-adhesive dressing. Do not disturb the blister. Do not wrap injury with Koban. Secure dressing with gauze wrap to avoid tape on the skin
4. Change dressing daily and assess for infection.
5. APAP 325 mg, two tablets BID PRN for pain or Ibuprofen 400 mg bid may be purchased A.M. and P.M. medication passes .
6. Contact Facility Provider if burn is not healing or shows signs and symptoms of infection.

C. 3rd Degree Burns:

1. Cover area with sterile non-adhesive dressing.
2. Transport immediately to Emergency Department.

III. EVALUATION

1. All 2nd and 3rd degree burns will be assessed by the Facility Provider at the next visit if not seen previously or by the Emergency Department physician.